



# San Antonio Police Department

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### ***SAPD TO RECEIVE ACCREDITATION***

Members of the San Antonio Police Department will be traveling to Jacksonville, Florida, this weekend to attend the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agency's (CALEA) Conference. Members include Chief Al Philippus, Assistant Chief Albert Ortiz, Captain Mike Burns, Lieutenant Robert Hartle and Officer Richard Solis. They will appear before a 21-member board in an attempt to attain re-accreditation status, the highest national standard of excellence.

The San Antonio Police Department is the largest law enforcement agency in the State of Texas and one of few of our size in the country with accreditation credentials. In 1999, the Department made its first-ever attempt to request for accreditation after meeting and exceeding the high standards set by the internationally renowned CALEA Commission. The Department then received accreditation for three years and we are once again requesting approval for another 3-year accreditation.

In order to maintain accreditation status, the Department must maintain compliance with nine major standards such as operations, personnel structure and process and management. Meeting these standards has proven benefits to both police personnel and the community like an improved administration, greater accountability, improved service-delivery.

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